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1. I WAS DISTRESSED TO SEE THE DAVID BINDER STORY OF OCTOBER 22 REPRINTED IN TODAY'S PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE. I DID NOT GIVE AN INTERVIEW TO BOELKE OF TAGESSPIEGEL NOR DID I AUTHORIZE ANY SUCH STORY. IN FACT, WHEN HE TOLD ME AT A FAREWELL PARTY IN BERLIN WHAT HE PROPOSED TO WRITE I TRIED TO ARGUE HIM OUT OF DOING SO BUT OBVIOUSLY FAILED. HIS VERSION OF WHAT HAPPENED HAS BEEN FLOATING AROUND AMONG GERMAN NEWSPAPERMEN WHOSE CURIOSITY HAS BEEN AROUSED BY THE UNUSUAL TIMING OF MY DEPARTURE AND WHO HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN RECEIVING RUMORS OF THIS KIND FROM ALLEGED "WASHINGTON SOURCES."

2. I DID HAVE A TALK WITH WESELOH OF THE FAZ IN AN EFFORT TO PUT MY DEPARTURE IN PERSPECTIVE AND
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TO AVOID WILD SPECULATION. TO HIM I EMPHASIZED MY

PERSONAL REASONS FOR RETIRING FROM THE FOREIGN SERVICE,
PRINCIPALLY MY DESIRE TO TAKE OVER A NEW POSITION
OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT. WHAT BINDER HAS DONE IS TO
WEAVE TOGETHER TWO ENTIRELY DIFFERENT STORIES AND TO
IMPUTE BOTH OF THEM TO ME.

3. THIS APPEARS TO BE A CLASSIC CASE OF "WITH
FRIENDS LIKE THIS WHO NEEDS ENEMIES?".
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